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Dear Mayor and Council, et. al:

Amendment to the last e-mails about [NSMB.com Forums :: The Shore :: Baden Powell trail - MOUNTAIN BIKERS RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR TRAIL-WORK](#)

--"LeeLau"--

"According to Susan Rogers, Section Manager of Parks Planning, of the DNV: 'The Baden Powell is a showcase trail used by users from all over the Lower Mainland. We are pleased to see that the NSMBA is able to marshall further resources to maintain this trail and **delighted** to keep working with the NSMBA in this effort'."

"Great to hear! I wonder what monica craver thinks?" --"ShoreIH"--

Kind of ironic, isn't it? All this free, backbreaking labour for DNV. The NSMBA and the supporting mountain biker trail builders are only "chained" to their adrenaline addiction in this case. Digging ditches for drainage, lifting heavy rocks, trail and bridge building, etc. for no pay. It is sad, but they are in a prison of a different kind. They deserve our sympathies. It all came to me in a lucid moment, last night.

Why am I trying to fight this? Instead, I will be gracious, look to the positive, and enjoy the "fruits" of their labour. I may even come out to applaud their efforts! Of course-- Susan Rogers and DNV staff *should be delighted!* Let "nature" take it's course. KUDOS to DNV and their volunteer "chain gang" labour. NSMBA folks---you *have* won! "Progress" and change is inevitable. Take care and have a great day!

--Monica Craver--

Caution: Chain Gang Ahead---Compare this with the photo below

New Haven artist Winfred Rembert created "Chain Gang III," this year. His images of life in rural Georgia are on carved and dyed leather. Rembert learned his craft from a fellow prisoner while serving time in jail.



Many young and old mountain bikers came out to help. (photo-Courtesy of the NSMBA)

